KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL EDUCATION SERVICE HANGING HEATON CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL

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Disruption to water supply in school

Just to clarify the situation on Tuesday, 8th April. We realised that the water was off at approximately 10.45am.

We had not been notified by Yorkshire Water prior to this.

By 11.30, we had a call back from Yorkshire Water to let us know that they did not know when the water would be switched back on. Individuals in school were not able to wash hands or flush toilets. I was advised that therefore it was not hygienic to remain open. Closing school is never an easy (or popular) option however the health and safety of our whole community is our top priority. Water came back on at a low pressure at approximately 1.30pm so staff remained in school to work.

We were later informed that a third party utilities company, unconnected to water supply, had broken a large water main in Earlsheaton that supplies water to Hanging Heaton whilst they were digging. So it appears that Yorkshire Water, just like ourselves, had to implement their emergency procedures, to reinstate the supply.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents for understanding that this situation was way beyond our control and being supportive.

Covid-19 Update

We have had a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result in school. I was advised that following a positive result, the bubble must be closed pending a PCR test result. Should that result come back negative, the bubble can be reopened. If the PCR result is positive, all members of the bubble must self isolate for 10 days.

Advice specific to Kirklees states that:

- There are no restrictions to travel into and out of Kirklees, although you are advised to minimise journeys.
- Continue to work from home if you can.
- You are advised to get tested twice a week and isolate if you are positive (those who are over 11 years old)

Further guidance and advice can be found on the Kirklees website <u>here</u>.

School guidance is unchanged and we await with interest announcements on Monday as to what plans will be from 21st June and whether the roadmap can go ahead as planned. Regardless of this, our plan in school is to continue as we have been doing throughout the year. The children have settled well into the routines over the course of this strange year and it would be unreasonable to disrupt them at this late stage.

PE days and sunny weather

Please ensure children come to school, whilst the weather is improved, in suitable PE wear with their PE t-shirts. It would be a good idea to apply "all day" sunscreen and sun hat and ensure a lightweight rain jacket is in their bag.

"Let all that you do be done in love"